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Arrests Made in Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained warrants for two arrests made in connection to the murder of 43-year-old, Marchello Hopson.

On Saturday, October 22, 2022, at approximately 10:00 PM, Birmingham 9-1-1 received a shot spotter notification and calls from citizens of shots fired Chevron, 16 64th Street North.

Upon arrival, officers discovered the victim sitting in a vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound. Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service arrived to the scene and transported the victim to UAB Hospital with life threatening injuries.

Video surveillance from Chevron showed shots being fired from a vehicle before fleeing the scene. On October 25, 2022 detectives received information that led them to be able to identify the suspects as:

- 1. Jeremy Lee Hawkins, Jr., (18), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**
- 2. Jason Martez Johnson, (24), B/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.**

On October 26, 2022 as the investigation continued, detectives obtained warrants against both suspects for Attempt to Commit Murder against both suspects. The suspects were held without bond at Jefferson County Jail.

On October 30, 2022 the victim succumbed to the injuries he sustained as a result of being shot. Detectives were able to review the case again with the Jefferson County District Attorney's

Office to obtain Capital Murder Warrants for both suspects. The suspects are still held at the Jefferson County Jail with no bond.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777. Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers through the Birmingham Police Department's Mobile App on Android or IOS devices. Updates will be provided as information comes available.

This is Birmingham's **117th** murder investigation of 2022 including **7** justifiable death investigations.

The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations into the total homicide investigations counts.

The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed

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